



Conference room  
San Ponziano-ex Boccherini Building  
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10:00 a.m.

# POLITICAL SYSTEMS AND INSTITUTIONAL CHANGE

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## THESIS DEFENCE

### **Alexander Dmitrishin**

Socio-Political Aspects of Higher Education and Knowledge  
Production: The Case of University Rankings

### **Valeria Galanti**

Conditions for plausibility of Women's Conventions: Internalising  
the paradigm shift in the Inter-American System of Human Rights:  
Analysing a comparable experience for the Istanbul Convention

### **Maria Gkresta**

State, Space and Security:  
the Treatment of Deviant Groups in Times of Crisis

### **Simona Losito**

Human Rights Diplomacy: the Carter administration and the  
U.S. foreign policy toward Brazil